CWC study of River Godavari

4085. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water Commission has conducted detailed studies of the river Godavari from the point where it enters Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the Mean Sea Level of the river Godavari at the entry point in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the Mean Sea Level of the Godavari at Bhadrachalam Kunavaram and Parentapally respectively;

(d) whether any studies have been done to determine the best sites for irrigation projects on this river; and

(e) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) No, Sir. However, Central Water Commission had established Hydrological Observations sites on the Godavari at Babli 10 kilometre up-stream of Andhra Pradesh-Maharashtra State border and at Basar 15 kilometre down stream of the State border. But, these sites were closed as they came under the submergence of Sriram Sagar Project.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The zero of gauge at the State Government gauging site at Bhadrachalam is 32.610 metre above Mean Sea Level (MSL) and the Highest Flood Level (HFL) observed at the site is 55.660 metre above MSL in 1986.

The zero of gauge at the State Government gauging site at Kunavaram is 20.00 metre above MSL and the HFL observed at the site is 51.30 metre above MSL in 1986. Central Water Commission has not conducted surveys at Parentapally to find out the river level above MSL.

(d) and (e) Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments based on their priorities. Central Water Commission has not undertaken any studies to determine the best sites for irrigation projects.